

REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST UPON THE LIVESTOCK STATISTICS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE YEAR 1928.

I. SHEEP AND WOOL. 1. Number. The sheep flocks on December 31st, 1928 numbered 7,079,947 (7,542,345), decrease 462,398. These were classified as follows:- Ewes 3,637,147 (3,698,579), decrease 61,432; Wethers 2,042,651 (2,124,044), decrease 81,393; Rams 98,447 (101,335), decrease 2,888. Under 1 year old 1,301,702 (1,618,387), decrease 316,685.

2. Breeds of Sheep. 89.9 (90.5) per cent of the flocks were returned as pure bred Merino and 5.4 (6.1) per cent as Merino Comebacks, 0.6 (0.3) per cent as other pure breeds, (Corriedale, Shropshire, Dorset Horn, Lincoln, Romney Marsh, Southdown, Suffolk, etc.), and the balance 4.1 (3.1) per cent were returned as Crossbreds.

3. Lambing, 1928. During the year 1928 2,918,594 (2,967,907) Ewes were mated and 1,545,438 (1,734,958) Lambs marked, equal to a percentage of 52.95 compared with 58.46 for the previous year.

4. Winter Lambing, 1929. 2,807,000 ewes were reported as either mated or intended to be mated for the Winter Lambing of 1929. The percentage results will be available in about a month. In addition 209,000 ewes were expected to be reserved for Spring Lambing.

5. Wool-Clip. 7,247,099 (7,800,922) sheep and Lambs were shorn, the total clip including locks, bellies, piccos, etc. being 63,729,419 (67,570,937) lbs., being a decrease of 3,841,518 lbs. on the record of the previous year. The average weight of fleece for sheep and lambs combined was 8.79 (8.68) and for sheep only 10.10 (10.31) lbs.

6. Total Wool Production. Subject to slight revision of fellmongered wool, it is estimated that the grand total wool production, including the clip and wool fellmongered and wool on local skins exported was 74,374,115 (78,369,918) lbs., decrease 3,995,803 lbs., value £4,639,085 (£5,668,757), decrease £1,029,672, the average value per lb. greasy being 14.97d. (17.36d.).

II. CATTLE. All kinds 263,016 (316,314), decrease 53,298. Dairying Cattle 108,969 (117,580), decrease 8,611, classified as follows:- In Milk 76,147 (81,944), Dry 24,998 (28,513), and Heifers springing 1,824 (7,123). In addition there were 10,598 (11,513) other Heifers 1 year and over which are not included in the Dairying Total but which are possible additions to the Dairying Herds.

III. HORSES. 205,865 (224,027). IV. PIGS. 62,723 (69,733).

V. GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL AND LIVESTOCK.

During the year 1928 the percentage to the total of sheep outside Goyder's Line of Rainfall fell from 40.13 to 36.50, cattle 49.25 to 41.87 and Horses 29.01 to 27.44. The numbers within and without the Line for 1928 were - Sheep 4,495,524 and 2,584,423, cattle 152,889 and 110,127, Horses 149,367 and 56,498.

VI. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT BY LAND OF STOCK. The State gained 1,581 head of Cattle and lost 26,363 Sheep and 3,005 Horses by transit of stock by land from and to the other States. Net exports of Horses to other States by sea were 701, and 204 to oversea countries.

VII. SLAUGHTERING. Sheep and Lambs 1,263,352 (1,209,608), increase 3,744, for exports 32,239 (10,647), Cattle 127,627 (142,557), decrease 4,930. Pigs 98,679 (116,623), decrease 17,944.

VIII. TOP-DRESSED PASTURE LANDS. There was an increase during the year of 40,491 acres in the area top-dressed and of 1,636 tons in the manure used. The respective totals were 250,413 (209,922) acres, Manures used 13,029 (11,393) tons.

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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

1. LIVESTOCK AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1928 IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 31ST, 1927.

Division	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	PIGS
	1927 No.	1928 No.	1927 No.	1928 No.	1928 No.	1928 No.
Central	1,414,406	1,447,426	82,274	79,113	63,511	33,252
Lower North	1,134,069	1,083,550	28,544	25,927	43,570	9,576
Upper North	1,045,586	802,786	20,192	15,697	15,264	3,813
South Eastern	1,258,318	1,289,436	33,286	31,778	13,818	6,723
Western	964,145	875,266	10,207	8,726	24,651	2,464
Murray Mallee	462,332	461,591	21,049	20,273	31,648	6,699
Total Counties	6,278,856	5,960,055	195,552	181,514	192,462	62,527
Outside Counties	1,263,489	1,119,892	120,762	81,502	13,403	196
Total State	7,542,345	7,079,947	316,314	263,016	205,865	62,723
Decrease	-	462,398	-	53,298	18,162	7,010

LIVESTOCK WITHIN AND WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL 1927 and 1928.

Year	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
WITHIN GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1927	4,515,286	59.87	160,524	50.75	159,037	70.99
1928	4,495,524	63.50	152,889	58.13	149,367	72.56
WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1927	3,027,059	40.13	155,790	49.25	64,990	29.01
1928	2,584,423	36.50	110,127	41.87	56,498	27.44
TOTAL STATE						
1927	7,542,345	100.00	316,314	100.00	224,027	100.00
1928	7,079,947	100.00	263,016	100.00	205,865	100.00

WOOL PRODUCTION.

Division	WOOL - CLIP			AVERAGE WEIGHT FLEECE.		
	1927-28 lbs.	1928-29 lbs.	% Increase	1927-8 lbs.	1928-9 lbs.	% Increase
Central	11,890,499	12,682,009	+791,510	8.57	8.96	+0.39
Lower North	10,731,983	9,835,924	-896,059	9.09	9.18	+0.09
Upper North	11,400,905	8,546,851	-2,854,054	9.16	9.21	+0.05
South Eastern	9,665,578	9,970,456	+304,878	7.78	8.01	+0.23
Western	7,575,930	7,091,457	-484,473	7.81	7.75	-0.06
Murray Mallee	4,203,296	4,159,445	-43,851	8.83	9.26	+0.43
Total Counties	55,468,191	52,286,142	-3,182,049	8.53	8.68	+0.15
Outside "	12,102,746	11,443,277	-659,469	9.31	9.35	+0.04
Total State	67,570,937	63,729,419	-3,841,518	8.66	8.79	+0.13

Grand Total Wool Production (Clip, Fellmongered and on skins exported)
 subject to slight revision, 1927-28 78,369,918 lbs. 1928-29
 74,374,115 lbs., decrease 3,995,803 lbs.
 X Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

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